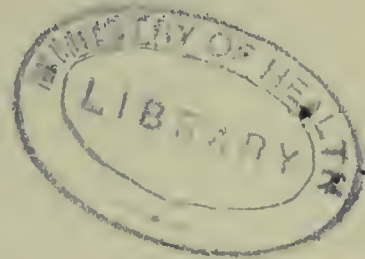


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PREESALL URBAN DISTRICT.

ANNUAL REPORT

of the

MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH AND SANITARY INSPECTOR

for the year

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COUNCIL OFFICES,
PREESALL.

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To the Chairman and Members of the Preesall Urban District Council.

Mr. Chairman and Members,

I have the honour to present to you the Annual Report of the Medical Officer of Health and Sanitary Inspector for the year 1954.

GENERAL STATISTICS.

Area in acres	3,277.
Population, Census 1931	2,197.
Population (Mid-1954 estimated by Registrar General)	2,220.*

*An increase of 4 compared with 1953.

Number of inhabited houses (at end of 1954) ...	780.
Rateable value at l. 4.54.	£15,064.
Amount produced by a ponny rate	261.

VITAL STATISTICS.

BIRTHS.

Thirty-one births, 15 males and 16 females, were registered during the year. The crude birth rate of 14.0 and the adjusted birth rate of 17.9 per 1,000 compares with 14.9 and 17.4 respectively for 1953.

STILLBIRTHS.

There were no stillbirths during the year 1954.

DEATHS.

Thirty-eight deaths, 19 males and 19 females, were registered during the year. The crude death rate of 17.1 and the adjusted rate of 10.6 per 1,000 compares with 20.8 and 14.7 respectively for 1953.

INFANTILE MORTALITY.

There were no deaths of infants under one year of age during the year.

MATERNAL MORTALITY NIL

Comparative Table of Births, Deaths, Stillbirths, Maternal and Infant Mortality.

PRESALL U.D.	Live Births	Deaths (All causes)	Stillbirths	Maternal Mortality		Infant Mortality				
						Total		Neo-Natal		
						No. of deaths regis- tered	Rate per 1000 total births	No. of deaths regis- tered	Rate per 1000 live births	No. of deaths regis- tered
YEAR 1954	31	14.0	38	17.1	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
1953	33	14.9	46	20.8	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
1952	18	8.2	38	17.3	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
1951	23	10.5	36	16.4	3	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
1950	23	10.4	37	16.7	Nil	Nil	Nil	2	87	87
1949	35	16.0	29	13.2	1	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Average 5 years 1949-1953	-	12.0	-	16.8	-	29	Nil	-	17	-

*Adjusted (Live birth-rate) = 17.9 per 1000
(death-rate) = 10.6 per 1000

CAUSES OF DEATH.

The table below shows the causes of death in the Urban District of Preesall in 1954 :-

	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>Total</u>
Malignant neoplasm, Lung, bronchus	-	1	1
" " Uterus	-	1	1
Other malignant & Lymphatic neoplasms	1	2	3
Leukaemia	2	-	2
Vascular lesions of nervous system	2	3	5
Coronary diseases, angina	4	2	6
Hypertension with heart disease	-	1	1
Other heart disease	5	4	9
Other circulatory disease	1	1	2
Pneumonia	1	3	4
Other diseases of respiratory system	1	1	2
Other defined & Ill-defined diseases	1	-	1
Accidents (other than Motor Vehicle)	1	-	1
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GENERAL PROVISION OF HEALTH SERVICES.

PERSONNEL.

Medical Officer of Health:
(from 1st July, 1952)

A. Dodd, M.D., M.R.C.S., D.P.H.

Other Appointments held:

Medical Officer of Health,
Borough of Lytham St. Annes,
Urban Districts of Kirkham and
Poulton-le-Fylde and Fylde
Rural District. Divisional
Medical Officer, Health Division
No. 3, Lancashire County Council.

Sanitary Inspector, Engineer
and Surveyor:

S.H.Senior, C.R.S.I.

Officers of the County Council carry out inspections under the Food and Drugs Act, 1938. Inspections under the Shops Acts 1912-1934 are carried out by the Sanitary Inspector. Veterinary inspectors can be called in at the request of the Medical Officer of Health.

HEALTH SERVICES.

Ambulance, Health Service and Hospital facilities are now provided within the National Health Service. The Preesall Urban District is in Division No. 3 of the Divisional Health Service under the Lancashire County Council.

CHILD WELFARE.

The County Council conducts a Child Welfare Centre at the Parochial Hall, Lancaster Road, Preesall, at 2.p.m. each Thursday.

BYELAWS.

The following is a list of Byelaws in force within the district :-

- Slaughter Houses 1901
- Offensive Trades 1901
- Common Lodging Houses 1901
- Horses, Ponies, Mules or Asses Standing for Hire 1901
- Hackney Carriages 1901
- Nuisances 1901
- Public Bathing 1901
- New Streets and Buildings 1902
- Omnibuses 1902
- Pleasure Boats and Vessels 1903
- Dairies Cowsheds and Milk Shops 1906
- Offensive Trades 1915
- Hackney Carriages 1919
- New Streets and Buildings 1925
- Tents, Vans, Sheds and Similar Structures 1939
- Building Byelaws 1939
- Building Byelaws 1953

SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES.

There are 780 houses in your district and of these 8 houses only are without supply of water from the Fylde Water Board's Mains.

All but 117 houses, which are a long distance from the Sewers, are connected to Sewerage System.

There are 834 Water Closets, 34 Pail Closets and 17 Privies.

There are 13 houses awaiting conversions and 30 further houses could be converted upon extension of the sewers. Plans for Sewage Works for the Park Lane District have been prepared.

House Refuse is collected weekly by the Council Lorry, a Ford 3 ton Refuse Collection Vehicle and the Refuse is tipped on the controlled System on to low lying ground. Liquid and Pail Closet contents are put on the tip and covered by the House Refuse.

Arrangements were made with the shops and business premises for collection of trade refuse on payment.

SANITARY INSPECTION.

The Sanitary Inspector reported visiting 165 premises, the discovery of 72 defects, 72 of which were remedied after informal notification.

Shops Acts: There are 57 premises in the district used as shops and all were found to be satisfactory as regards sanitary conveniences, temperature, ventilation and comfort of assistants where employed. The cafes and Restaurants were seen to be clean and well conducted. Clubs and Licensed premises were also satisfactory.

Fish Fryers: The premises of the three Fish Fryers are clean and in very good order.

Schools: The two schools were satisfactory as to premises and conveniences. The water supply was also satisfactory when visited.

Factories: There are 22 premises registered under the Factory Act, 1937, including a Salt Works Power House, Corn Mill, Bakeries, Garages and Joiners' Shops.

House Drains : Notices were sent in respect of 45 blocked drains and these had attention by Council's Staff on payment by the owners.

Dust Bins : 16 Dust Bins were supplied and charged to the Owners of properties.

Tents, Vans, Sheds etc : Premises of this description are not continuously occupied. Seven sites are licensed for stationing van-dwellings and tents for the Summer season only. Byelaws have been adopted for the control of moveable dwellings. Lavatory accommodation is provided and Fylde Water is laid on to each site. The sites are well conducted and are kept very clean and tidy. There were four Temporary Camps occupied by Scouts and Girl Guides. Each Camp was inspected by the Sanitary Inspector. During the summer period the population of the district is increased by 25% by persons living in the camps.

PREVENTION OF DAMAGE BY PESTS,

The Urban District is mainly agricultural and is well served by the Lancashire Agricultural Executive Committee Services under the Prevention of Damage by Pests Act, 1949.

Test baiting of the Sewers has proved negative.

The Council's Refuse tips have had constant attention during the year.

HOUSING.

Seven new houses were built during the year by private enterprise.

Inspection was made of 53 houses and all defects received attention after informal notice.

A classification of houses in your area shows that 73 are large houses, 3 are inns, 40 are farmsteads, 34 are houses and shops, 425 are small modern houses, 185 are good older houses, 20 poor type but habitable, and 2 are under orders for demolition.

There are no back to back houses in the area nor are there any back to earth houses. All houses in the area have through ventilation.

There has been no case of overcrowding during the year.

INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD.

The normal sampling of Milk and Foods is done by the Officers of the Lancashire County Council. The Sanitary Inspector accompanies the Official on every occasion and aids in the sampling.

There are two dairies in the district and five dairy farms. One person delivering milk in the district has premises outside the district. He delivers milk to the Schools.

Licensed under the Milk (Special designation) (Raw Milk)

Regulations 1949, are the following :-

Tuberculin Tested Milk - Distribution 1.
Accredited Milk - Bottling 1 - Distribution 3.

There is one dairy farm with a licence from the Lancashire County Council for production, Bottling and sale of Tuberculin tested milk.

Two persons are licensed for Retail distribution of Pasteurised Milk under the Milk (Special designation) (Pasteurised and Sterilised Milk) Regulations, 1949.

The rest of the farms in the area produce milk which is collected by lorries and conveyed to depots outside the district.

There are no Slaughter Houses in the District. Two Butchers Shops are inspected regularly.

The four Bakehouses in the district are satisfactory.

Food premises are licensed under the Lancashire County Council (Rivers Board and General Powers) Act, 1939, under Sections 115 and 116.

Purveyors of Ice Cream are registered.

Hawkers are also licensed under the above Act.

INFECTIOUS DISEASES.

32 cases of Infectious Diseases were notified during the year, 31 of which were of children under school age.

NOTIFIABLE DISEASES (OTHER THAN TUBERCULOSIS) DURING
THE YEAR 1954.

NOTIFIABLE DISEASES	TOTAL CASES NOTIFIED										Total deaths	HOSPITAL		
	Total cases at all ages	AGE PERIODS-YEARS										Total cases removed to hospital from the district.	Deaths in hospital of persons belonging to district	
		0-1	1-3	3-5	5-10	10-15	15-25	25-45	45-65	Age unknown				
Scarlet Fever	5		1	1	2		1				Nil	Nil	Nil	
Whooping Cough	25		6	8	11						Nil	Nil	Nil	
Dysentery	1						1				Nil	Nil	Nil	
Tuberculosis Respiratory	1									1	Nil	Nil	Nil	
TOTALS	32		7	9	13		2			1	Nil	Nil	Nil	

The general health of the District was satisfactory and the incidence of infectious diseases low. The live birth rate was slightly lower than in 1953 but, like that year, remained above the average in the district for the five years 1949-53. The death rate was lower than that for 1953, but remained a fraction above the average for the 1949-53 period.

The fact that the Maternal and Infant Mortality rate was NIL is most gratifying.

C. ROBERTSON WILSON.

Acting Medical Officer of Health.

May, 1955.

